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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 1971.

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Mrs. Hansen. We have the privilege of welcoming today Mr. Spencer H. Smith, the Acting Director of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

I think it would not be inappropriate for the committee to tell you how much we miss your former associate, the very beloved Abe Tuni-

son. We are sorry he will not be with us any more.

Mr. SMITH. We share this feeling with you, Madam Chairman. I had this in the first part of my statement. I wanted to pay special tribute to Mr. Tunison. He helped to build the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

I might add for the record, Madam Chairman, we are in the process of finalizing plans to dedicate the new fishery laboratory at Cortland as the Tunison Laboratory.

Mrs. Hansen. We also will miss Mr. Gottschalk, who decided to join the NOAA.

Mr. Smith. I am sure Mr. Gottschalk will do well in the new assignment he has undertaken, Madam Chairman.

Mrs. Hansen. Mr. Smith, please insert your biography in the record.

(The document follows:)

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#### Cost Factors Involved in Increase

To cover increased' costs of hospital and insurance payments.

Head for increase: The increase will provide funds to reimburse the Employees' Compensation Fund for payments made due to injury or death of employees under the jurisdiction of this agency as required in Section 209 of Public Law 86-767.

(c) <u>General trustee services:</u> Fiscal year 1971, \$1,338,000; fiscal year 1972, \$1,338,000; "no change."

<u>Program of work:</u> The Bureau is charged by various laws and regulations with the trust responsibility of accounting for and disbursing individual Indian monies which come into the custody of Bureau officials as a result of administering trust or restricted properties of individual Indians, through per capital payments, judgments, awards, and claims. Indian Service Special Disbursing Agents are designated to carry out these responsibilities.

This sub-activity also finances positions of field representatives who serve as contact representatives with the Indians at the reservation level and who perfors work connected with the activities concerned with administration of trust properties.

Examples of recent ancomplishments: Trust funds are collected by the Bureau from the leasing and/or sale of trust property, from the sale of forest products produced on trust property, from sales of minerals, hay, and other products. These funds are then deposited to individual Indian and tribal accounts, and in numerous instances are distributed to several thousand individual Indian accounts resulting from the growing sultiple-ownership or heirship situation. New data processing techniques are constantly being instituted for improvement of controls and record keeping to utilize to the fullest extent possible existing specialised staff and to implement and facilitate the use of electronic accounting techniques. This is resulting in better service to Indian beneficiaries through more current disbursing of funds to them. Field representatives have continued to work with Indian groups and individuals in the management, administration, and development of Indian trust property and related activities. There has been increased activity also in the field of investing individual and tribal funds at higher rates of interest, thus increasing their earnings.

The following table shows Investments - Tribal and Individual Indian Monies:

		Actual. June 30, 1969	Actual June 30, 1970	Estimate June 30, 1971
1,	Tribal Funds:			
	In Banks	\$177,566,566	\$69,987,683	\$270,000,000
	U. S. Securities	19,495,150	202,222,336	15,000,000
	Covernment Agency Issues	1,000,000		
2.	Individual Indian Monies: In Banks	40,836,188	5,996,853	10,000,000
	U. S. Securities	29,051,335	22,240,870	10,000,000
	Government Agency Issues		44,505,018	55,000,000
	Tot al	267,949,239	344,952,760	360,000,000
3.	Interest earned	17,990,000	25,871,457	21,600,000

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Activity	F.1. 47.4	F.Y. 1971 Amount Available		Increase (+) or Decrease (-) 1972 Compared with 1971
Repair and maintenant of buildings and utilities	\$19,533,325	\$21,184,000	\$23,538,000	+\$2,354,000

Repair and maintenance of buildings and utilities: Fiscal year 1971, \$21,184,000; fiscal year 1972, \$23,538,000; an increase of \$2,354,000. The increase consists of:

Incresse (+) or	Total	Total Positions	Emlanation			
Amount.	Positions	Program		Repair and maintenance of newly constructed		
(1) 4\$ 978,000	4			of newly dulatives buildings and utilities and related costs. \$1,422,000 for increased cost of labor, materials		
(2) +1,376,000	-			and services and a de- erase of \$46,000 due to program savings in paper work management.		
+2,354,000		\$23,538,000	1,300			

# Cost Factors Involved in Increase

Approximately 1,008,000 square feet of newly constructed buildings and related utility systems will be placed into operation during fiscal year 1972 at a first year cost of about \$.97 per square foot. The increase of \$978,000 will be used for the repair and maintenance of these facilities. A 6% cost factor was applied for the increased cost of labor, materials and services.

Nand for increase: The \$2,354,000 requested will provide (1) \$978,000 for repair and maintenance of newly constructed buildings and utilities. Our evaluation of new facilities maintenance needs as well as data developed in the maintenance industry, indicates first year costs are from 75% to 90% greater than subsequent year requirements. New equipment and operating problems during the breaking period require maintenance which is vital if the new facilities are to be placed into untroubled, useful service and if the Government's investment is to be protected. (2) \$1,376,000 for increased cost of labor, materials and services. Cost indexes developed by Engineering News-Record indicate a three year average percentage increased cost for the following:

Building cost Common labor. Skilled labor Materials... + 4.35